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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION: ROME MINISTERIAL

MEETING OCTOBER 30 - THE FRENCH REPORT

REF: (A) ROME 15884 (NOTAL); (B) PARIS 28136 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FRENCH HAVE GIVEN US SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 30 EC-NINE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION WHICH PARALLELS GENERAL LINE OF REFTEL A, WHILE ADDING A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST. FRENCH BELIEVE THAT EVOLUTION OF EC-NINE THINKING ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS IS GRADUALLY MOVING TOWARD FRENCH VIEW POINT. END SUMMARY.

2. DUFOURCQ (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WESTERN EUROPE) WHO ATTENDED OCTOBER 30 EC-NINE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ROME -- ALONG WITH QUAI STATE SECRETARY DESTREMAU AND Z QUAI POLITICAL DIRECTOR DE LABOULAYE -- GAVE US FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS ON THAT MEETING.

3. MIDDLE EAST: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT ROME MEETING SHOWED EVOLUTION IN EC THINKING FROM CONCEPT OF "PALESTINIAN RIGHTS" PUT FORWARD IN NOVEMBER 1973 EC RESOLUTION TO ACCEPTANCE OF CONCEPT THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE A UNIQUE "NATIONAL IDENTITY." DUFOURCQ SAID THAT EC-EIGHT ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO GO AS FAR AS FRENCH IN ACCEPTING EXISTENCE OF A "PALESTINIAN NATION," INCLUDING THE CONCEPT OF THE PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO A SPECIFIC PIECE OF TERRITORY. NEVERTHELESS, COMMENTED DUFOURCQ, THE OTHER EC NATIONS SEEM TO BE MOVING TOWARD ACCEPTING THE IDEA THAT A PALESTINIAN STATE MUST BE CREATED EVENTUALLY. HE ADDED THAT OCTOBER 30 EC DISCUSSION OF LEBANON CRISIS HELPED TO UNDERLINE NEED FOR SEPARATE "PALESTINIAN STATE" IN MINDS OF EC-EIGHT BY SUGGESTING THAT CURRENT DISORDERS IN LEBANON MIGHT BE EASED IF PALESTINIANS HAD A SEPARATE "PALESTINIAN STATE" AND THEREFORE COULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE "FOREIGNERS" IN LEBANON. WHILE PRESENCE OF PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON IS NOT THE ONLY CAUSE OF CURRENT STRIFE THERE, IT IS MAJOR IRRITANT THAT COULD BE REMOVED IF PALESTINIANS WERE GIVEN A SEPARATE STATE. CONCERNING "RACISM/ZIONISM" AT UN, DUFOURCQ SAID THAT FRENCH TOTALLY OPPOSE RESOLUTION LINK-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING ZIONISM TO RACISM. FRENCH INTEND TO TAKE ACTIVE ROLE IN EC PROGRAM OF VIGOROUS LOBBYING IN KEY CAPITALS AGAINST THAT RESOLUTION. IN THIS EFFORT, EC WILL STRESS THAT "ZIONISM" IS MERELY A FORM OF NATIONALISM AND SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THAT LIGHT. MOREOVER, EC WILL UNDERLINE THAT EFFORTS TO LINK RACISM TO ZIONISM WILL ONLY SUCCEED IN DISCREDITING THE UN AND THAT PROPONENTS OF "RACISM/ZIONISM" RESOLUTION -- PARTICULARLY THIRD WORLD

COUNTRIES -- HAVE MUCH MORE TO GAIN BY PRESERVING THE UN
THAN BY PLACING IN JEOPARDY THE FUTURE OF THE UN THROUGH
PURSUIT OF THAT RESOLUTION. DUFOURCQ SAID THAT FRENCH
SEE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM WITH OTHER TWO THIRD COMMITTEE
RESOLUTIONS ON RACISM, AND THAT FRANCE DOES NOT INTEND
TO LOBBY AGAINST THEM. MOREOVER, HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL
OBSERVATION THAT THE EC-EIGHT ALSO WOULD BE PREPARED TO
ACCEPT THESE TWO BUT WILL NOT BE AS OUTSPOKEN AS THE
FRENCH IN THIS REGARD. CONCERNING FRENCH DECISION TO
PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE IN PARIS, DUFOURCQ
SAID THAT FRENCH HAD DISCUSSED IN THE PAST THIS SUBJECT
WITH EC ALLIES BUT FRENCH DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THEIR
DECISION REQUIRED FORMAL EC CONSULTATION. TIMING OF
FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLO OFFICE, COMING AS IT DID ONLY
ONE DAY AFTER ROME EC MINISTERIAL, WAS PURE COINCIDENCE

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AND, ACCORDING TO DUFOURCQ SHOULD NOT BE READ AS INDICATING NEED FOR (OR EXISTENCE OF) EC APPROVAL OF FRENCH MOVE ON PLO OFFICE.

4. CYPRUS: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT EC-NINE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PUT REALLY STRONG PRESSURE ON TURKS TO YIELD GROUND ON CYPRUS ISSUE. ACCORDING TO DUFOURCQ, EC-NINE AGREE THAT PROGRESS ON CYPRUS DEPENDS CRUCIALLY ON CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVE FROM ANKARA BUT THAT NO SUCH INITIATIVE IS IN SIGHT AT THE MOMENT. MOREOVER, TURKS ARE WELL AWARE THAT TIME SEEMS TO BE ON THEIR SIDE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE EC-NINE -- UNWILLING TO PUT AT RISK TURKEY'S KEY ROLE IN ALLIANCE DEFENSE BY TWISTING THE TURKISH ARM TOO MUCH -- ARE RESIGNED TO WATCHING THE PROBLEM DRIFT ALONG WHILE THEY MAKE MODEST EFFORTS TO MOVE TURKS TOWARD MORE FORTHCOMING POSITION.

5. NEW SUBJECTS: DUFOURCQ SAID THAT LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE TO MINISTERS FOR ROME MEETING DID NOT PERMIT THEM TO DEAL WITH ALL SUBJECTS LISTED ON AGENDA FOR THAT MEETING. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT DISCUSSION OF SOUTH AFRICA/NAMIBIA NEVER EVEN GOT OFF THE GROUND. HE ADDED THAT THIS IS RECURRING PROBLEM FOR EC-NINE POLITICAL CONSULTATION AND THAT HE DOES NOT FORESEE ANY SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF SUBJECT MATTER FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS. IN FRENCH EYES, CONSULTATION SHOULD FOCUS ON ISSUES OF IMMEDIATE SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST TO EC-NINE, WHICH TEND TO BE FOUND IN AREAS OF GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY TO EC MEMBERS. FRENCH SEE PROBLEMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AS WELL AS CSCE, AS BEING PRIME GRIST FOR

EC-NINE CONSULTATION MILL. BEYOND THAT, HOWEVER, FRENCH
SEE LITTLE TIME AVAILABLE FOR OTHER, MORE PERIPHERAL
ISSUES. CONSEQUENTLY, DUFOURCQ SPECULATED THAT WE
SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO SEE SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF SUB-
STANCE OR GEOGRAPHY COVERED BY EC-NINE POLITICAL CONSULT-
ATION IN COMING MONTHS.

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